

**Town of Winhall Selectboard
Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, July 6, 2022**

PRESENT: Stuart Coleman, Bill Schwartz, Julie Isaacs; Lucia Wing (Secretary); Lissa Stark (Town Administrator); Chief Tienken & Jake Lacasse (Police) Trevor Dryden (Roads); Scott Bushee (Facilities)

IN ATTENDANCE: Travis Thiele, Dave Marx, Karen Ameden & Heidi Pancake (Bike Alliance); Sandra Nystrom (Custodial Services)

CALL TO ORDER: Coleman called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM at the Town Hall in Bondville.

After review, the Selectboard added setting the tax rate to the agenda; ***motion by Isaacs; seconded by Coleman; unanimous.***

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (None)

JAMAICA AREA MOUNTAIN BIKE ALLIANCE PRESENTATION

The above Alliance came before the Selectboard to talk about the potential for mountain biking in the Winhall Municipal Forest. They added they already had a proposal to add bike trails to the Jamaica State Forest Park and were working with the Army Corps of Engineers. The Bike Alliance explained they were a 5013(C) designated non-profit organization with insurance. They added they were prepared to hire a pro to develop a trail system which would ensure easier maintenance. After further discussion, the Selectboard agreed to the Alliance exploring the Winhall Municipal Forest for future mountain biking trails with the condition that trails could not be accessed during deer season. Discussion followed about bike trail development on Town-owned land located at the end of Kendall Farm Road. The Alliance thanked the Selectboard for their permission to access the Municipal Forest; they would get back to the Board with their findings. Additionally, they would contact the local forester for his input.

HIGHWAY REPORT: AWARD BACKHOE CONTRACT:

After review, the Selectboard awarded the backhoe contract with no attachments to Milton Cat: cost \$192,900–\$65,000 for a trade-in; ***motion by Isaacs; seconded by Coleman; unanimous.*** After review, the Selectboard agreed to sell the chipper to Kevin Bonemis for an offer of \$12,550; ***motion by Isaacs; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*** Homestead Landscaping had offered \$12,000. Discussion followed relative to the recent purchase of a leaf blower paid for by State grant money-80% or \$4,400 with 20% or \$1,100 paid by the Town. There were several inaccuracies in the contract with the State which needed legal review and clarification.

STRATTON MT. ACCESS ROAD: Dryden reported paving a section of the Access Road by Fuller Excavating was in underway; the Road would be temporarily closed.

ACCESS PERMIT(S): After review, the Selectboard approved a final access permit for Robert Armstrong, #21 Road to Mill Brook to replace an 18” culvert; ***motion by Isaacs; seconded by Coleman; unanimous.***

TRANSFER STATION & FACILITIES: AWARD CUSTODIAL CONTRACT:

After review, the Selectboard awarded custodial services to Sandra Nystrom, 802 Commercial Cleaning for a bid of \$2,100 per month to clean municipal buildings; ***motion by Isaacs; seconded Coleman; unanimous.*** Catamount Restoration Services had bid \$2,210 per month.

POLICE REPORT:

Chief Tienken and the Selectboard discussed the Police report for June including traffic tickets and warnings, animal control matters, alarms and assists in and around Winhall and the Stratton Mountain Resort. Discussion followed relative to the excessive false alarms in Town. Chief reported he had received VLCT grant money in the amount of \$6,800 for dash cameras and a lift for the Transfer Station. He had also received grant funding for

three (3) “speed feedback signs” which would go on Lower Taylor Hill Road, Upper Taylor Hill Road, and on Route 30 before the Mountain School. He reported the new police cruiser would be delivered in the next 2-3 weeks; Chief and the Selectboard would discuss what to do with the old cruiser.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 6:25 PM the Selectboard voted to go into executive to discuss police personnel matters; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.* At 6:45 PM the Selectboard voted to come out of executive session; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.* Out of executive session, no decisions were rendered.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: FYI: affordable housing on Town-owned land at the end of Kendall Farm Road.

COMMUNITY HEALTH:

After discussion the Selectboard authorized Beth Grant to disperse funds for a \$250 gas card to help transport a family with medical needs; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.*

COMMUNICATIONS UNION DISTRICT UPDATE: FYI: Fred Schwacke had written a letter to Deerfield Valley asking where Winhall stood relative to expanding broadband in Winhall.

SHORT-TERM RENTALS: FYI- the Planning Commission had formed a 3-person committee to draft an ordinance relative to short-term rentals in Winhall.

MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER SYSTEM: FYI: Available Funding

TOWN-WIDE REAPPRAISAL: UPDATE: FYI due mid-August.

TOWN OFFICE COMPUTER SYSTEM (IT):

Coleman reported a pre-bid meeting was held on July 5th at the Town Hall relative to Town Office computer updates; three (3) IT entities attended.

SETTING THE TOWN OF WINHALL TAX RATE 2022/2023:

After review, the Selectboard approved the combined Town of Winhall tax rate for year 2022/2023; *motion by Schwartz; seconded Isaacs; unanimous.*

ADMINISTRATIVE/CORRESPONDENCE: None

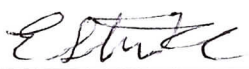
PAST MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL:

After review, the Selectboard approved the meeting minutes of 6/1/22 and 6/16/22 as presented; *motion by Isaacs; seconded by Schwartz; unanimous.*


WARRANTS: No warrant

As there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM; *motion by Schwartz; seconded by Isaacs; unanimous.*

Lucia Wing, Secretary
Winhall Selectboard



Stuart Coleman, Chair



William Schwartz, Vice-Chair



Julie Isaacs, Member